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Back-to-School Edition

-The Word of Harpeth Hall-

### Club **Updates**

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Co-Features Editor

The Real World Committee is an organization that strives to spread awareness about diverse subjects within our Harpeth Hall community. Each month they have Brown Bag Lunches, at which different speakers come to speak to the Harpeth Hall community about their personal experiences. The first Brown Bag Lunch will be held on August 31. Real World is also responsible for putting on a Winter Assembly in December and the Black History Month Assembly in February.

The Harpeth Hall Math
Club has a fresh new start this year with club President Madeleine Byrd ('09)and Vice President Kathleen Riley ('09). "Math club meetings consist of fun math games and contests with excellent prizes and trophies, and always delicious snacks," said Madeleine. Math Club hopes to get involved with community service this year, such as tutoring children after school, which will be discussed at the first meeting, as well as the possibility of Math Club t-shirts.

"Go green" is this year's motto for the **Pep Club**. The goal of pep club is to promote school spirit by encouraging student support toward one another in everything from sports to the arts. Tailgates, pep rallies, face paint, and competitions will all be organized

by the Pep Club this year.
The **Fitness Club** promotes a healthy lifestyle of exercise and staying physically fit. "As a group we participate in multiple walks and runs all over Nashville each for its own unique cause," said president Cate Tidwell ('08). Weekly runs and the AIDS fundraiser are a few favorite activities of Fitness Club

members.
The **film club** shows movies every other month during lunch. Movies from each genre

are featured throughout the year.

Youth in Government is a club for students who are interested in politics. There are two main conferences this club attends, Model United Nations and Youth Legislature. Model United Nations will

be held Nov. 2-4. **Playmakers** is one of the most active clubs at Harpeth Hall, putting on all of the Harpeth Hall shows during the year. Each Playmaker is responsible for working on the sets for the collaborative fall musical with MBA, the Fall Classical, and Spring productions.

# Students return to a new and improved Harpeth Hall

**Channing Garber '09** News Editor

Many changes will greet students as they return for the first days of school. The school installed artificial turf on the soccer field, painted McMurray Center a new color, added new parking spots for sophomores, and renovated the Sunnybrook Advancement Office.

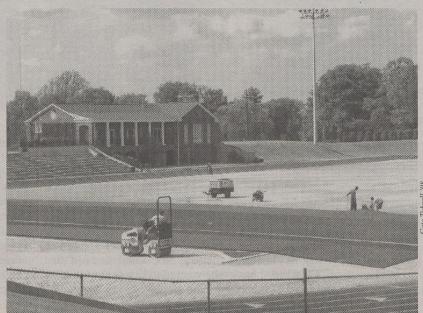
Joe Davis, son of Dugan and uncle to middle schoolers Frances and Wallen Dean, approached the school this spring with a donation for the addition of hi-tech artificial turf to the soccer field of the Dugan Davis Track and Soccer Complex.

"The generosity of the Davis family has made it possible for Harpeth Hall to have a state of the art athletic facility," said Ms. Karen Schwartz, Athletic Direc-

This addition not only benefits the Athletic Department, but also the Physical Education Department and, most importantly, Maintenance.

"Whereas a grass field requires regularly scheduled maintenance such as fertilizing, mowing, and irrigating, as well as time off of the playing area to recover, a synthetic turf field requires very minimal maintenance and recovery time," Ms. Schwartz said.

Turf installation began mid-



Construction workers install the hi-tech artificial turf donated this spring. The turf is projected to be finished by Sept. 1.

summer and should be finished by Sept. 1.

Coinciding with the field construction, the McMurray Building was painted to match the color of the Massey Math and Science

"The architects and building committee felt that we needed to 'soften' the white on the buildings to blend better with the brick buildings," Upper School Director Jess Hill said.

"The architects and designers worked hard to come up with a color that they felt achieved the softening effect."

The school added seventeen new parking spots behind the middle school and near the lower tennis courts to accommodate younger student drivers who would have been denied spots in previous years.

As always, juniors and seniors are guaranteed parking places, but according to Dean of Students Marie Maxwell, these new spots should increase the number of sophomores receiving spots after the parking draw.

The Advancement Office, commonly known as

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### Dean vs. Bob Clement

Ryllis Lyle '09 Arts Editor

tenders: Bob Clement and Karl Dean. Despite the fact that there are fewer choices for Election 2007, Nashvillians must still make the decision between two candidates running neck-in-

Only one-third of registered Davidson County voters are projected to turn up on the Sept. 11 election day. Thus, a group of only

The run-off mayoro- 100,000 people can for second place—Bob his father, Frank Clemwill turn Nashville into a better place to live.

According to the two candidates, Nashville is in need of many things: better schools, crimefree neighborhoods, litter-free parks, and traffic-free roads.

Out of five candidates, Bob Clement and Karl Dean managed to come out on top. The first race, however, was essentially a race

portant decisions that since day one. But even with Howard Gentry, Buck Dozier, and David Briley out of the way, Dean and Clement still have their work cut out for them.

Currently, polls indicate that Clement will be Nashville's next mayor. And to many, that's no surprise. With his southern charm, familiar twang, and celebrity status (He was elected congressman in 1988 and

was easy for his name to be a well known one.

Dean, on the other hand, came into the election virtually unknown. Hailing from Massachusetts, worked under current Nashville Mayor Bill Purcell in the important position of director of the metro legal department. Prior to that, he held the elected office of Public Defender.

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### **Sports Briefs**

Madeleine Byrd '09 Sports Editor

**Cross country** girls make it through sweltering heat and demanding practices under the new leadership of Dr. Jack Henderson, successor of Susan Russ. The team is now divided into three sections: Varsity, Junior Varsity, and the Training Team. Varsity girls participated in a four-day cross country camp at Rock Island, IL, in early Aug. Daily practices at Vaughn's Gap began July 30. Meets are usually on Tuesdays and Saturdays, and the first meet of the season is Tuesday, Sept. 4 at Steeplechase.

The **golf** team has undergone changes under Coach Elmore "Moe" Hill, Jr., and a new scoring system for matches. Elizabeth Mclemore ('09) noted that practices are different in that Coach Hill "just wants more input from us about what we want to do [to improve our game]."Team members this year are Courtney Vick ('08), Alex McClure ('08), Elizabeth Mclemore ('09) Katie Drummonds ('10), Hannah Claybrook ('10), Tess Erlenborn ('10), Parker Davis ('11) and Emily Blevins ('11). The team has already made its mark, triumphing over St. Cecilia in the first match of the season. Play ends in late September.

The **SOCCET** team persevered through the blazing hot weather of August with two-aday practices under the leadership of Rebecca McDowell and Kyle Jackson. Because the field is undergoing a turf transformation, the team holds practices on MBA's auxiliary field. The team has 24 players, compared to last year's forty-something. Seniors are Anna Armistead, Alison Geraghty, Allison Rappuhn and Blake Stadler. The Varsity team has already won against Hillsboro High, 11-0, and Hume-Fogg, 3-0. The first official game of the season is against Ensworth, Aug. 28.

The first Volleyball tourral race came to a close make or break the im- Clement was a solid first ent, was Governor), it nament of the season, the Brentwood Blastoff, took place Aug. 18-19, and Harpeth Hall will be hosting the fall classic tournament Labor Day weekend, the first home game of the season. Volleyball two-a-day practices began in early Aug., and the Varsity team participated in a four-day camp in Florida, where they were one of the best teams in their division. Scott Myrick joins Head Coach Valorie Baker as assistant.

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### Four new teachers join the Upper School

Willa Fitzgerald '09 Business Manager



Ms. Mary Ellen Pethel, a native of Rome, Georgia, comes from a long and accomplished line of teachers.

With a father who serves as Chairman of Fine Arts at Berry College and two brothers and a mother in the teaching profession, it is no wonder that Ms. Pethel decided to become a teacher.

This fall she joins the History department as a World History

She graduated from UT with a B.A. in Honors History and the Best Senior Thesis award under her belt. Before deciding to follow in her family's footsteps and pursue a teaching career, Ms. Pethel briefly ventured into law

Through the years, she has remained confident about this deci-

"The first time I stepped into a classroom to teach, I knew that I had found the perfect profession," Ms. Pethel said.

She taught for six years in the public school system in Georgia and more recently was a professor at Georgia Highlands College.

She is currently working on her Ph.D. dissertation. After putting in the many hours required for the degree, Ms. Pethel is looking forward to having the requisite title after her name.

Already making her mark on the school, Ms. Pethel is a major proponent of incorporating literature into her history classes.

### Fun Facts:

- Enjoys playing golf and tennis
- Favorite book: 'Guests of the Sheik' by Elizabeth Fernea

### Mary Ellen Pethel Riley Bryant



Riley Bryant first came to Harpeth Hall last year as a temporary substitute for Mrs. Ward. After the legendary Latin teacher retired last year, he decided to remain at Harpeth Hall.

Mr. Bryant's talents, however, are certainly not limited to the field of Latin. While attending Vanderbilt University, he majored in Mathematics, Classical Languages, and Computer Science while also minoring in Theatre. He explained, "The other degrees just sort of fell into place because I enjoyed those areas of study and wanted to continue taking class-

Like his college degree, Mr. Bryant's professions extend beyond the spectrum of Latin. In 2001 he joined the Language department at Hillwood High School. After a year at Hillwood, however, he took a 5 year break from the classroom to pursue other fields. "By the time I came to high school there were several other professions I wanted to explore," Mr. Bryant said.

While teaching at Hillwood he became a software contractor for Legalbill.com. He was soon promoted to the position of Senior Programmer. Mr. Bryant then moved on to become a full-time independent contractor and consultant for companies.

Outside of the classroom, most of his time is devoted to his work as a consultant and software pro-

### Fun Facts:

- Born in Fayetteville,
- Enjoys puzzles and golf.
- Favorite book: "Virgil's 'Aeneid,' of course."

### Martha Lund Jessica Dunn



Ms. Lund was born in Lima, Peru where she attended a Catholic university which was run by American nuns. This early exposure to American culture peaked her interest and in 1970 she became involved in an exchange program with a sister school in Iowa. After this brief sojourn to the US, Ms. Lund decided that she wanted to live in the US.

She received her bachelors while still in Peru. However, at that time teaching was not her aim. Instead she majored in interior design. She explained that in school she was always the shy one who had to be forced to answer questions and how now she is able to sympathize with students when they are hesitant to

She went on to study Spanish at David Lipscomb University and majored in Spanish. While there, she decided that she would like to teach. "I love my Spanish heritage, and I like to share my language and my culture," she

Prior to teaching at Harpeth Hall, Ms. Lund taught for five years in Montessori schools and for fifteen years at Father Ryan. She first became interested in HH because of its "great reputation among the community".

Ms. Lund has also traveled the world, visiting places such as the Vatican in Italy, Spain, Paris, London, and even the remains of Machu Picchu.

### Fun Facts:

- Favorite book: 'Like Water for Chocolate' by Laura Esquivel.
- Acted in many Spanish commercials here in Nashville.
- Plays the castanets



Ms. Jessica Dunn, a New Jersey native, admitted that as a child teaching had never crossed her mind. However, she now finds herself joining Harpeth Hall as the school's new AP French Literature teacher.

Ms. Dunn received her B.A. in French from University of Tennessee. She continued on to receive her masters in French Literature from New York University. She underwent her PhD studies at Vanderbilt University. When asked how she became interested in French Literature she said, "Par hasard (incidentally)!"

Before coming to HH, Ms. Dunn taught for three years at Vanderbilt and the summer of 2007 at the Tennessee Foreign Language Institute. But why Harpeth Hall? "I am interested in preparing students for success in college and all academic and professional pursuits. I also love exposing students to French culture and language," she said.

Ms. Dunn experienced French culture firsthand when she lived in the country for two years. Spending one year in Paris, she spent the rest of her time in France living in Aix-in-Provence.

In her spare time, Ms. Dunn enjoys reading, playing guitar, writing, cooking, and walking. She is an accomplished reader and loves everything from Moliere to McMurty; though she is hard pressed to choose a favorite. "I love it all," she said.

### Fun Facts: Enjoys playing guitar

- Has five cats
- · Has traveled to Slovenia, Bulgaria, Sicily and Turkey, among other places

## Indonesian Exchange Student Vis



Rae Ellen Bichell '08 Copy Editor

Nuraini "Aini" R. Wulan joins the senior class of 2008 this year from East Java, Indonesia.

Leaving her school, friends, spicy Indonesian food, and family for an entire year in exchange for the hectic life at the Bichells' home, Aini has done what most students can't imagine.

"Sometimes I get headaches from listening to English all day," Aini confessed, a week after arriving in the United States. Adjusting to the 12 hour time difference seems minute compared to taking classes in English and acclimating to an American way of life.

Plus, American food "doesn't have many taste, isn't spicy, and does not take as many ingredients" as Indonesian food.

Another difficulty Aini faces is dog-dodging, a skill she has acquired since arriving in Tennessee. Dog spit is considered najis, something that when contacted with "make[s] your body unholy."

Due to this Indonesian cultural practice, Aini must stay away from Hank, the unusually bouncy and hyper Bichell dog. Should she ever touch the dog, Aini would need to go through extensive cleansing, including 'wash[ing] with sand for seven times and then again with water."

Najis extends beyond household pets. "When females have menstrual periods, they have Najis and so they don't pray," Aini explained. But najis doesn't stop Muslim women from participating in other activities during that month.

Outside of school, Aini sings, cooks, and takes traditional Indonesian dance classes.

"I love dancing very much, especially traditional dancing, but also modern," said Aini. She brought her traditional dance costume, which took four family members and a full week of sewing sequins to complete.

Even though she will not be able to watch "the best Korean serial drama," Princess Hours, Aini will continue to practice some of her usual interests and customs in Nashville, but in a modified American form.

She hopes to pursue dancing and singing at Harpeth Hall and has already cooked an Indonesian meal for a family of seven.

Aini's native Indonesia is home to the largest Muslim population in the world. A follower of Islam herself, Aini keeps to a conservative dress code and prays five times a day.

At home, it's easy for her to adhere to the prayer schedule, for a muezzin alerts the time and her school has a built-in mosque. Here, on the other hand, Aini may have to pray during lunch or excuse herself from

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### Karl Dean vs. Bob Clement: The Race for Mayor

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But what Dean lacked in status and local connections, he made up for in his solid knowledge of Nashville's most pressing issues.

Some might argue that Clement's merit is solely based on his celebrity status, while Dean came into the race as a no-name, and thus created his own merit based on his knowledge

But what kind of people these candidates are is only a small part of the decision making process for Nashville voters. Issues such as education and public safety are on the top of the docket for the citizens of Davidson County.

Both Clement and Dean have addressed these issues, and they differ on all three topics. When it comes to education, both candidates have addressed the low 70 percent graduation

While Clement says he is going to crack down on truancy and increase the police forces around schools, Dean says he is going to make school hours more flexible and install more arts and science programs. Dean has also spoken of plans to make classes smaller and hire better teachers for Nashville's schools.

When it comes to public safety, Clement has mainly addressed juvenile crime, while Dean boasts his Public Defender skills to help

crack down on crime in general.

"I've noticed that Clement has started to get really serious with his campaigning tactics," said Anne Jacobs ('09).

Clement has already accused Dean of being too friendly to criminals because of his previous job as Public Defender. Dean, however, has chosen to remain silent.

"Dean seems like a smart person," said Lindsey O'Brien ('09). "So far he's taken the high road.'

Given the differences between these two candidates, Nashville has the real opportunity to determine which path it wants to take for

### back to school

## Spice up your life (again!): The Spice Girls Reunite

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Kaity Krupp '09

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**Opinions Editor** 

The Spice Girls, 90's British pop sensation, have reunited and will perform in concerts worldwide this winter.

Tickets are still unavailable, but concert dates have been set; the first being in Vancouver, Canada on Dec. 2.

The Spice Girls will be rocking in five continents including New York City Dec. 11.

Dozens of Facebook groups have already formed celebrating the reunion.

The Spice Girls' success started in Britain in 1996 when they rocketed to fame with the music video 'Wannabe.'

By the time they hit US shores in 1997, their single 'Wannabe' had topped the charts in 31 countries and their self-titled album, 'Spice,' had sold 1.8 million copies in Britain.

By the time Geri Haliwell left, the band had sold more than 50 million units.

It will be the first time since 1998 the whole band will be together, since Ginger Spice, aka Geri Haliwell, left during their

last worldwide tour, quietly citing "differences."

"Ginger Spice was my favorite Spice Girl, I was so mad she was the one to break them up," said Madeleine Byrd ('09).

Though the remaining foursome produced albums until 2000, all eventually defected to pursue solo careers.

The only Spice Girl that still commands some star power is Victoria Beckham, formerly Victoria Adams.

Now better known for her soccer star husband, David Beckham, than for her girlpower anthem and Posh Spice days, Beckham recently made headlines when her family left the UK for America.

"Yeah, [the reunion] is going to be kind of weird because Posh is so different," said Lacy Broemel ('09), but despite individual changes, fans' enthusiasm for the band's music and girl-power anthem hasn't ebbed.

"Yes, of course [I love them]. I do have ovaries," said Caroline Winsett ('09).



The Spice Girls will reunite for their world tour this December and January. The group has announced eleven peformances on their tour so far.

was about celebrating the past, the BBC. "It was the right time." enjoying each other and it's about

"I think for us [the reunion] our fans," Geri Haliwell said to

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Harry Potter and the Midnight Madness: A Retelling

#### **Alexandra Guillen '08** Entertainment Editor

For the release of J.K. Rowling's seventh Harry Potter book, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," the Davis Kidd Booksellers recreated the series' magi-

Although Davis Kidd has been throwing midnight parties for years, the seventh and final celebration of Harry Potter was their biggest yet.

The store catered to the behavior of anxious fans with a variety of activities: those looking to relieve their anxiety with fierce competition could participate in the costume contest, a challenging game of "Pin the Nose on Snape," or a trivia battle.

Along with the games, entertaining scientists performed silly experiments for customers milling around the store.

Fans who wanted to eat away their nerves enjoyed Potterthemed refreshments from the Three Broomsticks, Davis Kidd's café Bronte.

Guests at the late-night party varied in age, ranging from toddlers to baby-boomers. Parents and children alike shopped in a muggle version of Diagon Alley, where anything related to Harry Potter was being sold.

As the hour approached midnight, stoic fans began to file into a mall-encompassing line.

The devotees in line employed different waiting strategies. Groups of friends took turns fetching Starbucks for the troops, always ensuring at least one person held their spot in line.

Some of the younger fans passed the time by sleeping. Many theorists spent their last minutes in line arguing potential endings.

At exactly 12:01 am on July



Mary Julia Bressman ('08), Mary Killian ('08), Alexandra Guillen ('08), and Caroline Prince proudly show off their new copies of the final Harry Potter book.

book was released. Cheers rattled receive his book stuck it trium-21, 2007, the seventh Harry Potter the mall walls as the first fan to phantly in the air.

SCHOOLSHELL

WHY GO TO COLLEGE ?

Kaity Krupp '09

Opinions Editor

School is Hell by Matt Groening, the creator of the Simpsons - An irreverent book of comics depicting the dark side of school, including a lesson on "What

Acceptance by Susan Coll – Possibly the only witty story about the trials and tribulations involved in today's college application.

3. Bringing Down the House by Ben Mezrich – A true story about six MIT students who use their mathematical powers to "take Vegas for millions.

 Fat White Vampire Blues by Andrew Fox – An obese vampire in New Orleans' underground must reclaim his lost love with the help of an undead transvestite.

American Girl by Meg Cabot – A book about a hilariously neurotic fifteen yearold girl who saves the president and ends up in a love triangle with the president's son and her older sister's boyfriend.

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### Indonesian Exchange **Student Visits**

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class for a few minutes.

Ramadan, the most holy month in the Islamic calendar and one of the five pillars of Islam, is just around the corner. From Sept. 13 to Oct. 13 Aini will fast during daylight. This means that Aini will wake up before 4 a.m. to eat before praying at 5 a.m.

### Changes on Campus

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"Sunnybrook" also underwent renovation this summer. The Advancement Office is home to the Annual Giving Campaign and the Alumnae Relations Office. Ambassadors work closely with the Sunnybrook office throughout the year as well. Despite its importance to the school, the office, based in a house purchased by the school in 1998, had always been a bit cramped and less functional than ideal.

"Our old conference table couldn't hold all of us at meetings," said Ms. Elizabeth Moore, Director of Alumnae Relations. The renovations address the issue of space with new furnishings, paint, carpet, lighting, storage space, and office space. Though there have been no expansions, walls have been removed in order to better use the available space.

"We have lots of Alums, parents, and volunteers of all sorts coming to the office. We wanted to make them feel like this was part of the campus, not just a house outside of it," said Ms. Moore.

According to those at the Advancement Office, the new renovations have succeeded in increasing its professional appearance and functionality, as do the field and painting improvements.







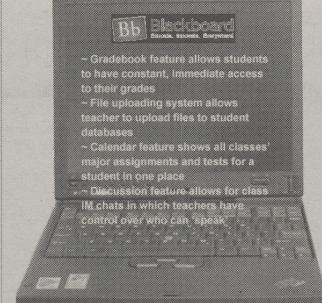


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### **Blackboard**

Comes to Harpeth Hall

**Emily Tseng '10** Asst. News Editor

The tech team has added a new web-application called Blackboard. It is meant to help students find all of their class assignments in one place. Here's what else it can do.